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## THE HILO JAIL SCANDAL.

Judge Wise, of the district court of Hilo, announces that he will sentence no man to imprisonment so long as the conditions in the Hilo jail remain as they are, with such incompetence displayed by Jailer Maby that an official report blames present jail conditions for the presence of beriberi among the prisoners. The announcement of the district magistrate, made in open court, should certainly bring about what nothing else, apparently, has been able to do, and that is the discharge of Maby, who has so ably demonstrated his utter inefficiency and irresponsibility.

One prisoner was found in jail, by a committee from the board of supervisors a few days ago, with the dread beriberi in an advanced stage, while a number of other prisoners were in such shape that the medical examiner hesitated whether to pronounce them beriberi patients or not. Worse than that, there have been cases of death from beriberi among prisoners held for trial at Hilo. Men who were not even convicted died from a disease contracted under conditions for which an official report says the jail authorities are directly responsible.

The Hilo press, for at least two years past, has repeatedly referred to the shortcomings of Jailer Maby. He has been openly charged with under-feeding the prisoners, with working them illegally on his private premises and with farming his wards out among the other county officials. His deputy at the Volcano House has been accused of incompetence and the blame for a recent jail-break placed at his door. Yet, nothing is done.

It would be not in the least surprising if the Japanese consul-general here demands some explanation of why Japanese subjects are kept in such a pest-hole as the Hilo jail has been officially reported to be. At least one of those who have died as a result of disease presumably contracted in this jail was a subject of the Mikado. We know very well what would happen if an American citizen were confined in a like jail in Japan and died while awaiting trial.

## WAIKAEA QUESTION GETTING MONOTONOUS.

An effort should be made by the residents of Hilo to get together with the territorial officials and bring an end to this off-recurring Waiakae lot controversy. It has been in progress too long. Each time when the territorial officials have seemed to be making progress toward finding suitable homesteads for the people, something has happened to delay action. Now, when the Waiakae plantation people have agreed to practically give the Territory its six-year interest in two hundred or more acres, the charge is made that the property is entirely unsuited for building purposes.

Governor Frear this morning makes a clear statement of the interest he took in attempting to settle the problem, how he called a mass meeting to give the people a chance to express themselves and how they failed to come forward, until at a banquet several gave their approval to the selection of lands he had mapped out. It is said there is no other land in that vicinity available for building purposes, that the Territory has secured everything it asked from the Waiakae plantation and there appears nothing further to do.

From what can be learned at this distance, the principal objection raised against the proposed lots is that they are not accessible from the road. It would appear that this is an obstacle which could be quite easily overcome. True, it would require an engineer, considerable labor and the expenditure of some money to build a thoroughfare which would make at least a portion of the tract available for building purposes. From this end it would seem that the returns would more than warrant the effort and expenditure. From what can be learned the land which it is now claimed is desired for the lots is not available because it is set aside for park purposes.

Land Commissioner Tucker intends to visit Hilo within the next few days. That will afford the people of Hilo an opportunity to arrange for a conference, point out the objections to the land recently secured and state clearly just what they want. The Advertiser believes that this will result in a speedy settlement of the controversy. Cross-purposes and misunderstandings have too long held up the matter; clarity and reasonableness should be given a chance to settle it.

## A MAJORITY WORTH SUPPORTING.

Although it is early in the life of the new government of the city the majority of the governing board has twice given proof that an administration above petty politics is with us, something that the most sanguine have hoped for but which few have actually expected to see at this time. Supervisors Cox and McClellan had already shown their commonsense on the board and Supervisors Petrie, Markham and Hardesty were known to be capable men in their respective lines of business, but it was not to be taken for granted that the latter three would be able to stand the test of office and carry their business sense into the board of supervisors with them. Honolulu has seen good business men turn out to be small-bore politicians too many times to risk counting upon anyone again until the preliminary trials had been passed.

The acid test has now been applied and Messrs. Cox and McClellan have been shown consistent with their records, while Messrs. Petrie, Markham and Hardesty measure up to the best. The latter is by no means as constant in his advocacy of efficiency first as his colleagues, but he has been on the right side more often than with the blatant minority headed by Pacheco, with Wolter as an echo. Pacheco gives every promise of becoming a common nuisance, ready to back up the mayor's ignorance, while Wolter is clinging his claim to the laurels left behind by the late lamented Hanawaka.

Honolulu can well afford to back up the supervisory majority and assist in the effort that apparently is to be made sincerely to give this city a far more decent government. There are no men living who could do for Honolulu all that should be done when working under the disadvantages of the existing charter and we must not expect miracles from the present board. If the citizens do their share, however, and the board continues in the way it has begun, Honolulu will get everything possible under the circumstances, some hundred per cent more than we ever got before. So long as it appears that the supervisors are doing their utmost, let us put aside the hammer and get in to help. Then something will be accomplished for Honolulu.

## THE 1913 TAX RATE.

Territorial Treasurer Conkling points out where, with a very small scaling down of appropriations, the Oahu supervisors could set an example in government to every board in the Territory, existing or to come, by reducing the tax rate. The assessment totals for this county upon which the rate is being based are so much above those of the previous year that the county could raise within a few thousand dollars of what its estimated wants call for and still shave a bit off the rate of last year, thus establishing a reputation for good financing that would help mightily if Hawaii wishes to make another bond issue soon, which, in view of the harbor needs, is probable.

When the right to practically fix the tax rate was given to the counties in the tax law, it was argued that this privilege would carry with it an obligation upon the county boards to so arrange their demands as to keep the tax rates down. The full responsibility for the rate is now upon the various boards of supervisors and the taxpayers are going to remember this when the time for payment of taxes comes around. Just at present the public is more inclined to ask for a great deal than to ask for retrenchment, but this will be forgotten when the tax collector appears and the residents have the same old annual awakening to the fact that all the government's bills are paid out of their individual pockets. If the rate is higher than that of last year, the supervisors will hear a great deal about it then; if the rate is lower, as it might be, the supervisors will receive the credit.

On the mainland the rate of intelligence in government, in the opinion of the public, is based almost wholly upon the rate of taxation; good government means a low rate; poor government a high one.

The supervisors might think this over.

## MOVING PICTURES BY THE MILE.

Eleven thousand miles of motion-picture film, thirty million dollars' worth of automobiles, a million dollars' worth of telephones, and more than one hundred thousand dollars' worth of aeroplanes were among the exports from the United States in the year just ended.

The United States is the world's largest producer of motion picture film, and the quantity exported during the year aggregates more than sixty million feet, approximately eleven thousand miles, of enough to stretch from New York to Manila.

The popularity of the American automobile is also evidenced by the fact that the exports of automobiles and parts thereof, including tires, aggregates thirty million dollars in 1912, against twenty-two million in 1911, fifteen million in 1910, and nine million in 1909. Telephones have only been separately stated in the export figures since the middle of 1911, but sufficient data are at hand to justify the statement that the exports of 1912 are more than a million dollars in value. Aeroplanes have only been shown as a separate class since the middle of 1911, but the figures at hand indicate that the value of the year's exports will be about \$125,000.

A striking fact shown by the automobile figures is the marked decline in the price at which the machines are exported. In 1907 the average export price was nearly \$1800 per machine; in 1909, \$1470; in 1911, about \$1090, and in 1912, a little less than \$1000 each, the average export price at the present time being thus but little more than one-half that of 1907. The average price of aeroplanes exported in 1912 was about \$3400 per machine.

The automobiles exported are sold chiefly in British territory. Of the 21,707 machines exported in the eleven months ending with November, 6864 went to Canada, 4371 to the United Kingdom, and 3112 to British Oceania. Of the motion-picture film exported, over three-fourths went to the United Kingdom.

## JANUARY 17, 1893.

Twenty years ago today there was hard feeling and bitter race enmity in evidence on every hand throughout this land, with neighbors bearing arms against each other and foreign sailors camped in the city's heart, ready for action. Today, while there may be some hearts sore at the recollection of that troublous period, the residents of all nationalities are united in friendship. The flag that waved over the invaders from the foreign warship is the same now saluted from end to end of the Islands, revered by all and representing the country to which the great majority owe a willing allegiance.

Even those who lost the most in the clash of January 17, 1893, acknowledge today that the outcome of that bloodless revolution was for the best good of all, while those who tore down the establishment of monarchy in Hawaii and deposed the Queen, today join with her adherents in tendering respect and aloha to the lady of Washington Place, who yet reigns in the hearts of many. Liliuokalani has not only accepted the inevitable but has helped greatly by her gracious example in bringing about the era of mutual good will that replaces the hostility of twenty years ago.

## TAX RATES AND CREDIT RELATED

Territorial Treasurer Presents  
Some Figures Worthy of Consideration.

If the tax rate of Oahu is placed at \$1.12 it will be because the supervisors, desirous of securing all the law allows, will insist upon having the assessor fix his assessments so that the real and personal property tax will bring \$537,902.70 for the current expense and permanent improvement funds. The demand for this money does not necessarily mean that this amount is required to conduct the government, but it is a power possessed by the supervisors. They have a right to insist upon the full limit and in doing so would be following a precedent of former administration. However, the action means advancing the tax rate from \$1.07 as last year, to \$1.12.

By cutting down their demand to \$500,000 this rate would be reduced nearly five cents on the \$100 valuation and prove an object lesson to a critical and observant outside world that Oahu is following the example of counties in the progressive mainland in reducing instead of increasing its tax rate. Because of the slight difference involved it is believed that the progressive members of the board of supervisors will keep their demands within the \$500,000 limit, because the other income of the county will easily run the revenue for the current year up to \$800,000.



## REST AND PEACE

Fall upon distracted households when Cuticura enters.

All that the fondest of mothers desires for the alleviation of her skin-tortured and disfigured infant is to be found in warm baths with

## CUTICURA SOAP

And gentle anointings with Cuticura Ointment.



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Investigation yesterday developed the fact that the cost of conducting the government of the city and county of Honolulu is almost equal to the combined expense of conducting the entire Territory.

The assessed net valuation of the real and personal property of the city and county of Honolulu is \$80,685,405. Taxes aggregating two-thirds of one per cent of this amount can be collected, making a total of \$899,318.61. The fixed expenses which must be met from this revenue consist of interest and sinking fund on \$340,000 worth of four per cent bonds, amounting to \$18,662.23; salaries of school teachers, \$289,441.68; new school buildings and improvements, provided by legislative enactment, \$17,500; expense of assessment and collection of taxes, \$34,812.

This leaves a balance of \$537,902.70, which the supervisors have a legal right to claim. This money can be set aside for current expenses and permanent improvements. As stated, if the board can arrange to ask for the sum of \$500,000 only, it will succeed in affecting a saving of four and one-half cents on the \$100 valuation for the taxpayers and prove to the world that Oahu has joined the progressive procession in striving for a reduction in taxes instead of an increase.

## Question of Credit.

"It is necessary for the continued good credit of the Territory that the present valuations at least be maintained," said Territorial Treasurer Conkling yesterday. He has given much of his time to the tax problem, took much interest in perfecting the present system and believes it is far ahead of the systems in use on the mainland. "When we need funds to finance a bond issue we must go to the brokers in New York or elsewhere, showing them a statement of our resources, the amount of taxable property upon which they can look to for security. The law gives us power to issue bonds annually to the sum of one per cent of our assessed valuation. This valuation is now \$176,000,000. If we go to the bond buyers with a statement that our resources amount to this sum, what would they think of us to pick up one of our later reports and find that our resources amounted to only \$150,000,000, for example? Naturally they would come to the conclusion that they had been deceived and the credit of the Territory would suffer when we again asked for money for our bonds. We can attain the same result by reducing our tax rates instead of our assessment of property values and the supervisors of Honolulu, by simply deciding to cut off approximately \$38,000 from the amount they have a legal right to demand, can bring down the rate four and one-half cents. In addition to the saving this would afford the taxpayers and the good impression it would create in the outside world, this would not be a bad political move, whether it is made by a Democratic or a Republican administration."

## LEIS AND GLAD HAND FOR CLEVELANDERS

Captain Kier, commanding the Hamburg-American world-cruising steamer Cleveland, will receive a wireless in a day or two from the promotion committee advising him that the committee and a bevy of young Hawaiian girls, all laden with leis, will meet the steamer at a quarantine at the morning of January 24 and will board the steamer when the yellow flag is lowered.

The steamship officials will be informed of the varied entertainments to be had during the two days' stay of the steamer in port, including surfing at Waikiki beach, the Kaul and Bonine musical and motion picture evenings.

Mrs. Frear and her secretary, Walter Miles, will go aboard the Cleveland at quarantine and welcome the passengers to Honolulu in the name of the city government. He will go out in the promotion committee's launch. The Hawaiian Band will be on the dock to give a musical welcome, unless plans can be made with the Inter-Island company to take the band out to sea on one of the smaller vessels. The tag cannot be used for this purpose on account of the new lifeboat law.

A. Gartley, J. W. Waldron, E. D. Wall and Mr. Hedemann are booked as passengers on the Mauna Kea, sailing tomorrow.

## DANGEROUS INSECTS DISCOVERED IN TIME

Importance of Plant Inspection  
Accentuated by Report of  
Entomologist.

(From Thursday Advertiser)

Four grubs equally as bad as the Japanese beetle, according to President Giffard, of the board of agriculture and forestry, were among the pests intercepted by Entomologist Ehrhorn the past month. Mr. Giffard made the remark when the report of the entomologist was under discussion at the monthly meeting of the board yesterday.

During the month of December the territorial entomologist inspected 1730 pests and 39,557 parcels coming in twenty-two vessels carrying vegetable matter. Of these numbers eight-one lots and 2343 parcels were fumigated, eighty-one lots and ninety-nine parcels burned, and one lot and ninety-six parcels returned.

Speaking of pests intercepted Mr. Ehrhorn says: "Eighty packages of fruit and fourteen packages of vegetables were found in the baggage of passengers and immigrants from the Orient. These being prohibited, they were destroyed by burning."

"One queen bee arrived from Texas and, finding it dead, we burned the package and contents."

"In the soil around plants from Japan we found three distinct species of Meloidid grubs, one being an Anomala species. This group of insects are exceedingly injurious to vegetation and are closely allied to the Japanese beetle."

"On a shipment of pinetree twigs sent here from Japan for New Year decorations I found an Aphis (Lachnus species), a very common pest in Japan, and fumigated the shipment for a few hours, letting it go."

## New Ants Found.

"Three species of ants (Tetramorium guineense, Sydney), (Monomorium pharaonis), and a (Crematogaster species, Japan), were taken in soil and on vegetables during the month."

From Japan 26,192 bags of rice arrived which, being found free of weevils, were passed.

Brother Newell of Hilo, attended to six vessels, passing 6908 packages. Fifty bags of potatoes were cleaned of soil before delivery and three crates of celery were treated for the celery fungus. In the Inter-Island inspection 876 packages were passed and twenty-nine refused shipment.

A large portion of the report is devoted to an account of an investigation made by the assistant entomologist, D. B. Kuhns, of the fern weevil, an importation from Australia, in the forests back of Hilo. Mr. Ehrhorn states that this weevil (Synagrus fulvipes, Pascoe) is already well established in the ferneries and on the mountains back of Honolulu, where it is doing great damage.

Mr. Kuhns, although he found other things infesting ferns, discovered none of the fern weevil, although he visited seven localities, besides inspecting the ferns and plants in thirty-six greenhouses and yards about Hilo. His explorations took him to an elevation of 2000 feet.

## Report of Nurseryman.

According to the report of David Haugs, forest nurseryman, for December, there were 8353 plants distributed from the government nursery during the month. Of this number 7690 were gratis. Besides these to the general public, the nursery has distributed 16,350 plants to plantation and other corporations. Brother Mathias Newell distributed, from the Hilo nursery, 1500 plants since Arbor Day, and for the year 1912 he distributed 12,490 trees, the largest number for any year since the nursery was started.

Thirty-five mail bags containing about 10,000 packages of vegetable seed have been received from Washington. About one-half, or 5000 packages, contain corn, cucumber, lettuce, onion and radish. The other 5000 packages contain lettuce, muskmelon, onion, radish and tomato.

## CAR RAMS AUTOMOBILE.

An automobile was partially wrecked and its driver had a narrow escape from serious injury in King street, near Alakea, at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, when it was struck by car No. 25, Waikiki bound. The car was being driven by Ralph Lee, an automobile salesman. The machine had skidded on the wet pavement and came to a stop in the middle of the track. Lee says he signalled the motorman when the latter was 100 feet away to bring his car to a stop. Instead, says Lee, the car struck his machine with considerable force, knocking the automobile and driver from the track and damaging the automobile to a considerable extent. Lee remained in the machine and escaped injury.

George Clark, private secretary to Governor Frear, yesterday received a cablegram from San Francisco announcing the death of his brother at that place. The sad news came unexpectedly, for the young man was not believed to be seriously ill.

H. W. M. is booked for the islands south on the Mauna Kea next week.

## EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER.

"A great deal has been written and said in the newspapers regarding Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," says Mr. P. (George) of Cairns Moor, Natal, Africa. "Still only a few people are aware of the great value of this remedy. There is an old proverb that 'Experience is the best teacher.' My family and I were attacked by severe colds and coughed so that for several nights we could not enjoy sleep. I decided to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and when we together had emptied the bottle we were all cured. I recommend this remedy as a true and family physician." For sale by Benson, Smith & Co. Ltd., agents for Hawaii.—Advertisement.



It is a poor treatment for stomach trouble that treats the stomach alone. Back of all your lack of appetite, sourness of stomach, belching of gas, nausea, pains after eating, heaviness and lump-like feeling in the stomach is bad blood. The food is fermenting in the stomach, only partly digested, because the stomach is weak. You will have to give your stomach plenty of pure blood before you can hope to get relief from your indigestion.

Take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for a time and notice the difference to your stomach. These pills go deeper than a medicine that acts on the stomach alone. They get at the real cause of all your trouble. They work steadily on the blood, cleansing it and making it red and healthy. Where once the sight of food was nauseating, you will have a good appetite. You will be able to eat three good meals a day without discomfort. Your stomach will be so strong and well that all the distress, nausea, gas and pains will be gone, showing that the pills have done their work well.

You will also find a great improvement in your general health. You will be in to feel like a new person. Before taking the pills your stomach and entire body were being poisoned with impure, disease-inviting blood. That was the reason you so often felt worn out and lousy and that your head ached and was heavy and dull. The pills will enable your stomach to get every bit of nourishment out of the food that you eat. This, with the abundant rich, pure blood that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills always make, will nourish and tone up every muscle, nerve and tissue.

A booklet, "What to Eat and How to Eat," is free upon request.

Your druggist sells Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at 50 cents per box; six boxes for \$2.50, or they will be sent by mail, postpaid, by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

## MERCHANTS SETTING A PROPER EXAMPLE

The merchants' association directors showed their interest in civic pride and the Mid-Pacific Carnival yesterday by voting \$250 to be devoted to the entry of a float or decorated automobile and placed the matter in the hands of C. M. V. Forster and Julius Unger. There was no objection whatever to the proposal to make a suitable entry and the opinion was expressed that other organizations should do likewise. An historical float will be entered.

The merchants' association, through Julius Unger, a committeeman, will also take considerable part in the decorating of Palace Square, using both day and night decorations. "We want to mass our decorations in Palace Square, which is our civic center," said Mr. Unger, "and not do so much downtown, but we hope that the merchants will suitably decorate their places of business with bunting, for it is Washington's Birthday as well as Floral Parade day, and there should be a patriotic demonstration."

## DIED.

SYLVIA — In Lahaina, Maui, January 11, 1913, Mrs. Mary Doherty Sylvia, native of Cork, Ireland, aged eighty-nine years and five months; mother of Mrs. George Dunn of Lahaina, Maui; Mrs. John Glenn of Kaimuki, Honolulu; John Dougherty, Mrs. W. Crozier and Mrs. Annie Mulvaney. Funeral was held at Lahaina, Maui, January 12.

A. J. Biehl, charged with having used the mails to defraud in connection with the operations of the Columbia River Orchards Company, was found guilty by a jury in the United States district court at Portland, Oregon.

## NATURE'S WARNING

Honolulu People Must Recognize and Heed it.

Kidney ills come—mysteriously. But nature always warns you. Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy. If there are settlements and sediment, Passages frequent, scanty, painful. It's time to use Don's Backache Kidney Pills.

To ward off serious diseases. Here's proof of their merit. Mrs. M. A. Hoover, 916 S. Mulberry St., Vicksburg, Miss, says: "For twenty years a member of my family was afflicted with kidney complaint and was suffering from pains in the back. Mornings when first arising, this person was so lame as to be hardly able to move. The kidney secretions also caused much annoyance. Don's Backache Kidney Pills were so highly recommended in the newspapers that their use was begun. This remedy proved satisfactory in every way and deserves the highest endorsement."

Don's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50 cents per box (six boxes \$2.50) or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., Honolulu, Wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

Remember the name, Don's and take no substitute.

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